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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

**November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

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### **Action taken by Branson Board of Aldermen**

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#### **CONSENT AGENDA - SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE BILLS**

##### **Minutes**

The Board approved the minutes from various recent meetings.

##### **2015 Budget**

The Board approved the final reading of a bill adopting the 2015 budget, which covers the calendar year from January 1 to December 31, 2015. This includes:

- The 2015 Municipal Budget
- 5 Year Capital Program
- Employee Insurance Rates
- Pay/Merit Plan
- Budget Reserve Policy

##### **Municipal Code**

The Board approved the final reading of a bill approving a contract amendment with Municode, who is working on a full review of the City of Branson Municipal Code.

##### **Drainage Easement**

The Board approved the final reading of a bill vacating a drainage easement in the Greens, Phase II development. This is an expansion of the senior-living duplex development, on Branson Hills Parkway, that is nearing completion.

##### **Pre-Annexation Agreements**

The Board approved the final reading of several bills approving Pre-Annexation agreements with various parties. This type of agreement is typical when a property needs to connect to the City of Branson sewer system, but is not adjacent to the city limits. The agreement allows the properties to be annexed when they become adjacent.

- 155 Lilac Drive, in the Spring Creek North Subdivision
- 634 Meadow Lane, in the Hidden Meadow Phase II Subdivision
- 1527 Bee Creek Road, just north of the entrance road into Bee Creek Apartments.

### **Water Towers**

The Board approved the final reading of a bill approving a renewal of a contract with Utility Service Company, Inc. for the renovation and maintenance program of the City's water towers. The City pays this annual contract as part of an every-10-years full maintenance program for each of our City water towers.

### **Utility Chemicals**

The Board approved the final reading of a series of bids accepting the proposal of various vendors of chemicals used in the process of water treatment and wastewater. The City operates two water plants, and two sewer plants.

- Chemtrade Chemicals US
- Thatcher Company of Montana, Inc.
- Brenntag Mid-South, Inc.

### **Police Radios**

The Board approved the final reading of a bill accepting the proposal of Radiophone Engineering, Inc. for the maintenance of communications equipment used by the Police Department.

## **REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS (1<sup>st</sup> Readings and public hearings)**

### **Lift Station Work**

The Board approved the first reading of a bill approving an agreement with Alfred Benesch & Co. for work on Lift Station 21, near the intersection of Highway 165 and Illinois St. An equalization basin is to be constructed there, that will help regulate flows, and act as emergency storage in case of a force main break.

### **Downtown Streetscape**

The Board approved the first reading of a bill approving an amendment to the agreement with Crawford Murphy and Tilley (CMT) for design work on the Downtown Streetscape project. Now that Phase I is under construction, this will allow Phase II design to proceed, which is anticipated for construction in the fall of 2015.

### **Water Contract**

The Board approved the first reading of two bills renewing agreements with Missouri American Water. Many of the customers of Missouri American Water receive sewer services from the City. This agreements allow Branson access to usage data (used for billing sewer), and allow for the termination of water for unpaid sewer bills.

### **Pumping Agreement**

The Board approved the first reading of a bill allowing for the disposal of holding tank and septic wastes from S&S Pumping Service, at the City sewer plants. S&S pays for disposal by volume. It is expected that they will deliver 2.9 million gallons in 2015.

### **Firefighter Physicals**

The Board approved the first reading of a bill renewing the contract with Mercy Occupational Health to provide annual physicals for the City of Branson firefighters.

### **Human Resources Manual**

The Board approved the first reading of a bill amending the City of Branson Human Resources Manual. Clarification and updates dealt with Care Leave, Distracted Driving, Employee Retirement, Calculation of compensation for temporary employees, Overtime and holiday pay, and Leave of Absence.

### **Budget Amendments**

The Board approved the first reading of several bills amending the adopted 2014 Budget in regard to the Debt Service Fund. This change is due to a recent change in banks that hold bond accounts for the City. Other internal transfers were approved to balance the Sewer Fund, Red Roof Mall Account, Dog Park Capital Account, and to account for grant funds under the FEMA Flood Buyout Grant.

### **Airport Payment**

The Board approved the first reading of a bill amending the adopted 2014 Budget to allow for a payment under the Pay for Performance agreement with the Branson Airport. The current bill is \$211,487. To date, \$2,600,000 has been paid to the Branson Airport under this agreement.

### **Health Department**

The Board approved the first reading of a bill renewing the contract with the Taney County Health Department for Public Health Services. The City Health Department merged with the County Health Department in 2008. This agreement allows for continues services to the businesses and residents of Branson.

### **Air Conditioning**

The Board approved the first reading of a bill approving a change order with D&B HVAC Systems, LLC, granting them a time extension.

## **BIDS**

### **Building Maintenance**

The Board approved the first reading of a bill accepting several proposals which allow for electrical and plumbing maintenance and repair of City buildings and facilities in 2015.

- Bill's Electric - Electrical systems maintenance
- DeLong Plumbing – HVAC maintenance

### **Motor Fuel**

The Board approved the first reading of a bill accepting the proposal of Tri-Lakes Petroleum for fuel for city vehicles in 2015. The City buys its fuel in bulk and distributes through several depots located throughout town. Tri-Lakes has been providing fuel to the City for 40 years.

### **Asphalt**

The Board approved the first reading of a bill accepting the proposal of APAC-Missouri for the purchase of street repair supplies, including black base, hot mix asphalt and hot mix superpave.

### **Lab Testing**

The Board approved the first reading of a bill accepting the proposal of PDC Laboratories, Inc. to perform laboratory testing analysis of water and wastewater sampling.

**Filter Coating**

The Board approved the first reading of a bill accepting the proposal of Olympic Painting, LLC to apply a new protective coating on the interior walls of four concrete filter cells at the Meadows Water Treatment plant.

**Water Pump**

The Board approved the first reading of a bill accepting the proposal of JCI Industries, Inc. to replace a high service pump and motor assembly at the Meadows Water Treatment Plant.

**Utility Chemicals**

The Board approved the first reading of a bill accepting an addendum to the contract with Chemtrade Chemicals US for chemicals used in the process of water treatment and wastewater.

**Printer Contract**

The Board approved the first reading of a bill accepting the proposal of Corporate Business Systems for managed print services for the city offices.

**Phone System**

The Board approved the first reading of a bill accepting the proposal of CenturyLink for the maintenance and support of the City's hybrid digital and voice over IP telephone systems.

**Concession Supplies**

The Board approved the first reading of a bill accepting the proposal of Reinhart Food Service to supply the Parks and Recreation programs with concession items including food, ice cream, candy, condiments, and paper goods.

**Laundry Equipment**

The Board approved the first reading of a bill accepting the proposal of John Morris Equipment Company for furnishing and maintaining the coin-operated laundry facilities at the City-operated Lakeside RV Park.

*(Background materials on all agenda items, including audio of the entire Board of Aldermen meeting can be accessed by going to [www.bransonmo.gov](http://www.bransonmo.gov) and clicking on the "Agendas & Minutes" button on the right side of the website homepage.)*